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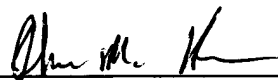
Sir:

I, John M. Harman, state that:

1. I am over the age of twenty-one (21) years. I am not suffering from any disabilities, I am competent to make this Declaration, and have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein.
2. I was an employee of Lucent Technologies Inc. (Lucent) at the time of the invention of the parent application (Serial number 09/891,903, now U.S. Patent 6,776,012) of the above-referenced patent application.
3. I drafted the parent application of the above-referenced patent application on behalf of Lucent and the above-referenced inventors during the period between January 26, 2001, when the invention disclosure for the parent application of the above-referenced patent application was first delivered to our office, and June 26, 2001, when the parent application was filed.

4. During the period from January 26, 2001, to June 26, 2001, I had a reasonable backlog of unrelated cases, including the applicants' case. I prepared these cases in chronological order and in a reasonably expeditious manner.
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